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SUBJ: ALTMANN-BARBIE CASE *DOCK 1968*

REFS: A. PARIS 4356
 B. STATE 36733
 C. LA PAZ 1268

1. IN YOUR REPLY TO LETTER FROM REGIONAL PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF RESISTANCE FIGHTERS, YOU SHOULD SAY THAT USG HAS NO INTENT OF OR INTEREST IN PROTECTING BARBIE IN ANY WAY, AND THAT WE ARE NOT INTERFERING IN THE EXTRADITION CASE.

2. FYI: USG NEVER REFUSED EXTRADITION OF BARBIE FROM GERMANY. BARBIE DISAPPEARED WHEN USG BEGAN SEARCHING FOR HIM IN RESPONSE TO EXTRADITION REQUEST. HOWEVER, SINCE RECORDS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE ARE INCOMPLETE AND LEAVE SOME QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS CASE UNANSWERED, WE BELIEVE THAT ON BALANCE HISTORICAL ASPECTS OF CASE SHOULD NOT BE REOPENED AND THAT WE SHOULD PUT EMPHASIS ON FACT THAT WE ARE NOT NOW DOING ANYTHING TO PROTECT ALTMANN-BARBIE. END FYI.

3. IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FROM FRENCH AMBASSADOR LA PAZ (LA PAZ 1056) AND FRENCH MINISTER WASHINGTON, DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING TO LOCATE IDENTIFICATION PAPERS AND ESPECIALLY FINGERPRINT FILE OF BARBIE. DEPARTMENT SHOULD KNOW SOON WHETHER SUCH RECORDS CAN BE LOCATED.

4. IF EMBASSY WISHES IT MAY INFORM QUAY OF ACTIONS TAKEN AS REPORTED EARLIER (LA PAZ 1268 AND PARAS 1 AND 3 THIS CABLE), BUT

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IN VIEW TRADITIONAL BOLIVIAN HYPERSENSITIVITY (PARTICULARLY EXACERBATED IN THIS CASE BECAUSE OF DEBRAY PRECEDENT) OVER ALLEGEDLY UNDUE EXTERNAL PRESSURES, WE BELIEVE THAT ANY PUBLIC DIVULGENCE OF FACT WE ENDEAVORING ASCERTAIN WHETHER THERE ANY ASSISTANCE WE MIGHT BE ABLE RENDER GOF IN PRESENT CASE WOULD SERVE TO STIFFEN GOB RESISTANCE TO EXTRADITING ALTMANN. GOF IS PRESUMABLY AWARE THAT THERE IS EXTREME GOB SENSITIVITY TO ALL OUTSIDE PRESSURES, AND THAT GOB HAS ALREADY REACTED ADVERSELY TO REPORTS OF CRITICISM BY PRIVATE FRENCH GROUPS AND NEWSPAPERS WITH RESPECT TO BOLIVIAN HANDLING OF ALTMANN CASE.

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